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DIRECTOR

September 13, 2010

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Recreation Land Acquisition
Nashville Public Water Access Site – Barry County
The Reynolds Tract
Land Transaction Case #20090045

Purchase Price: 1.02 acres with extensive frontage on the Thornapple River – \$40,000.00

Description: Village of Nashville, Barry County, T3N, R7W, Section 36, being a portion of Castleton Township Tax ID # 08-52-002-040-00 and described more specifically on “EXHIBIT A” in the Real Estate Services case file.
(Subject to survey by the Department prior to closing.)

Seller: Reynolds Group LLC, Nashville, Michigan

Option Expires: December 9, 2010

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department’s September 27, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval October 4, 2010.

Comments: The offered private land is located on the east bank of the Thornapple River in the Village of Nashville. The property is vacant, grass covered land bounded on the west by the restored channel of the Thornapple River. The parcel is accessible via frontage on M-66.

This acquisition will provide public water access to the Thornapple River in the downtown area of the Village of Nashville at the site of the former Nashville Dam, a traditional community gathering point.

The offered private land is the site of a former mill race and mill pond associated with the dam which was owned by the Village of Nashville. In 2009 removal of the dam was facilitated by the Barry County Conservation District and DNRE Fisheries Division. An Inland Fisheries Grant and a United States Fish and Wildlife Service Fish Passage Program Grant paid for removal of the dam and installation of a series of boulder riffles in its place. The project improves fish habitat and enhances opportunities for water-based public recreation. The


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acquisition ensures that the site of the former dam and mill pond will be accessible for public outdoor recreation. It is planned that management of the site will be by lease to the Barry County Conservation District, which will maintain the site in addition to providing recreation and education programs.


The purchase will include any mineral rights owned by the seller.


Recommendation: 1) That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Inland Waters Access Initiative, as contained in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.

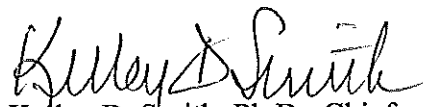
2) That the Barry County Conservation District be recognized with appreciation for their assistance on the project.



James M. Kasprzak, Chief
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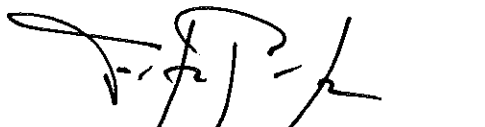

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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

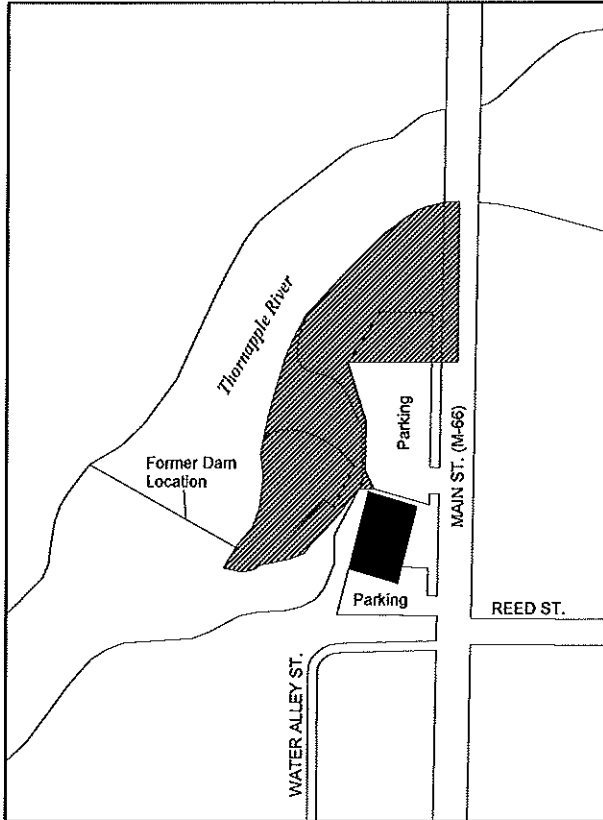
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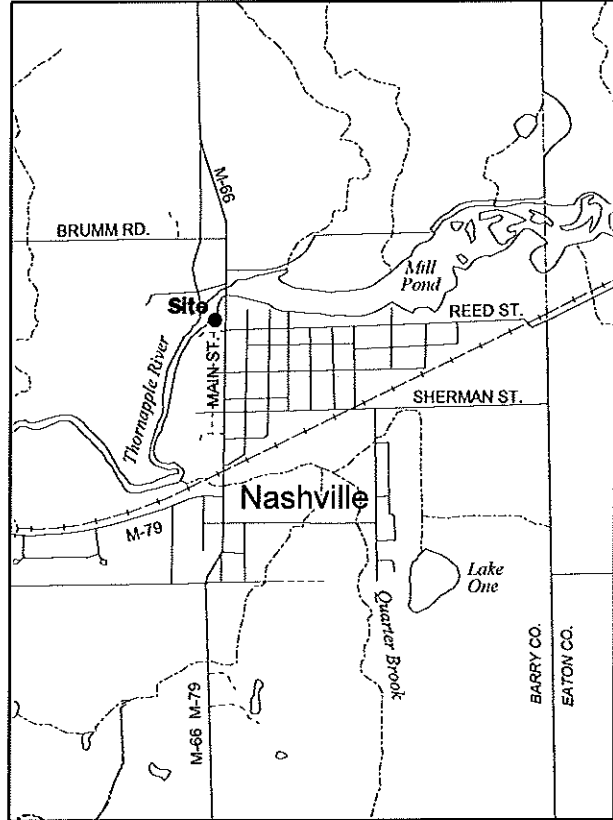
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

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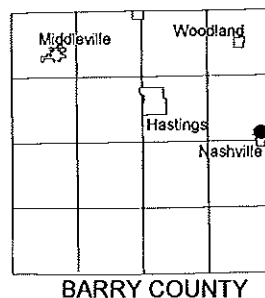



Section 36, T03N, R07W, Village of Nashville



Regional Location

-  Land offered to DNRE (1.02 acres - \$40,000.00)
-  State land
-  Private land



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